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WHAT FATE IS CRETE'S?

IT IS RELIEVED THE POWERS WILL DELIVER HER TO GREECE.

No Doubt That Greece Would Attack Any Turkish Troopships That Attempted to Lund Soldiers in Creto-Lord Sallsbury's Ministry Would Fall If a British Broadside Were Fired at Greece Under Buch Circumstances-Public Opinion in Prance and Italy Supports King George-The Deadlock in Crete Cannot Last Long.

Special Cubie Despatch to Tan Sun. LONDON, Feb. 18.-It is still impossible to say positively whether the great drama which the sations are playing in the East is tragedy greemedy, melodrama or farce. The number of persons who believe it is the latter is insing. The question then arises for whose besefit is the farce being played, and none of

the answers is wholly satisfactory. The commonest suggestion is that the powers, or certain of them, have taken this means to deliver over Crete to Greece in order to avoid an anti-Christian unrising among the Moslems penerally, which might be excited by the sowers openly despolling the Sultan of the sland. Lord Salisbury and one or two others of the actors in the piece may be playing with his sengue in his cheek, but the German Emperor a not. He is terribly in earnest. He feels his lienity insuited by the defiance which little Breece flung back in reply to the protest of the powers, and he is stalking from one embassy to another in Berlin seeking consent to a blockade

There is no likelihood that any such step will

of the Greek ports.

se taken. On the contrary, it is strongly prob-able that Greece will secure undisturbed possession of Crete when the matter is finally setiled. It is impossible to name any definite authority for this view. It is simply the impression created by a great variety of informadon from the East and from European capitals. It is the idea now generally held in diplomatic tircles. It is the confident belief, and here I do speak with authority, of the Greek Government, But the great mystery is what the Turk will fo. It is persistently reported to-day that two er three battalions of Turkish troops, bound for Crete, have already left the Dardanelles. It is leubtful if this will prove true. Such a move would quickly precipitate open war, for there is so doubt that the Greek fleet would attack the prospehips, if necessary, to prevent the landing Turkish troops. Nobody now believes that the foreign fleet would protect the Turk under hose circumstances. Certainly no British ship would dare to fire a shot. A British broadside tred by Lord Salisbury's consent against the Breek fing at the present moment would cause the most ignominious downfall any British Ministry ever suffered. Lord Salisbury has sarned something of the British temper in this matter during the past few days, and he knows sow, if he did not before, that his own party

ould not tolerate for a moment the burning of British powder in defence of the Turkish flag. The position and policy of Greece are therefore much stronger than appears. Public opinion in France and Italy, also, is now virtuall manimous in support of King George and his mbjects. It is impossible to believe that Rusis with the strong ties of relationship between the two royal houses, will seriously embarrant humiliate Greece. All Europe is puzzled tomy by the telegram of sympathy and support ed to have been sent to King George by the Dowager Empress of Russia. Few b at this message is genuine, but if it is it neans much. There is another point of great

significance. It is no longer possible to deny that Russis has been energetically preparing for war for more than a month past. In fact, this is virtually admitted in St. Petersburg, and the news censor permitted a despatch plainly erting this fact to be telegraphed to the London newspapers. This by no means implies that war is imminent. It signifies simply that Russia, baving agreed to join in coercive measures against the Sultan, which at best inwishes to be prepared for all contingencies. It is admitted on all hands that the presen

bradlock in Crete between Greece and the powers canno: continue many days. It is folly to attempt to prophesy which way events will turn. The hest thing that can be said is that there is still no indication of any disagreement between the powers, and no other eventuality seed seriousir alarm the world outside of th East itself.

WAR FEELING HIGH IN ATHENS. Breece Has Told the Powers She Cannot Withdraw Her Floot from Crate

ATREXS. Feb. 18. Despite the action of the wers in restraining the Greek troops in Crete from aggressive operations against the Turks and the probability that that island will eventually be handed over to Greece without the becessity of her fighting for its possession, the war feeling here is increasing hourly. The esthusiasm with which the reserves responded to the call to arms has been fully equalled by the military arder of volunteers, who are flock ing into the city from all parts, eager to take part in battle against the Turk. It is announced this morning that the King of Greece Intends to take command of the northern army in pere, and this report has had the effect to still further inflame the martial spirit of the people. An indication of what may be expected in the way of assistance from Macedonia in any possibis conflict with the Tark is shown in steady accessions of Macedonians to the Greek ranks. A force of 1,000 Macedonian volunteers

is one body crossed the frontier yesterday and joined the Greek army. In reply to the demand of the diplomats reprecenting the great powers here that the Greek a commanded by Prince George be withdrawn from Cretan waters at once, M. Skouses. Minister of Foreign Affairs, sent to each Minis ter a note saying that the withdrawal the flotilla will be impossible until Crete is completely pacified, and furthermore that the Greek Government will not rescind its orders to the Greek forces in Crete to oppose the landing of Turkish troops

upon the island. Col. Vassos, commanding th Greek military forces in Crete, has established headquarters at Gonia and is making preparations to attack the town of Salino. Georgi Berovitch Pasha, late Christian Gov. ernor of Crete, who resigned his office and left Canes on Feb. 14, has arrived at Corfu, where he has been interviewed. He says that from he moment of the raising of the Greek flag in Crete it became plain that the only solution of

the difficulties prevailing in the island was its union with Greece. In his opinion, any other course will result in a bloody catastrophe. Canea, Crete, Feb. 18 .- Everything is quiet here this morning. The foreign marines, who are in occupation, are still flying their respeclive flags, but the Greek flag has been lowered from the Greek Consulate in compliance with the notice sent to the Consul by the European commanders yesterday. The Turkish troops

have occupied fortified positions around the town with the cooperation of the European officers.

The instituted corpse of a sister of the Russian Vice-Consul has been found lying on the fround at Halepa. The discovery of the body has created an intense feeling of indignation among the foreigness have. ng the foreigners here.

NSTANTINOPLE, Feb. 18.—The Government called out \$4.000 reserves in the previnces of Ports a laboration.

rice is placing every confidence in the case of the powers in regard to their on of Crete, prevention of Greek ons. Ac., but at the same time the Otto-crument is making extensive preparameters of the case of th arise for meeting any emergencies that may VIRNA. Feb. 18.—The Austrian squadron in the course of events.

Crotan waters has been reinforced and Admiral mine has assumed command.

CLOSING IN ON THE PORTE, In Certain Evente Russian Troops Will Be

Supported by Germany and Austria. LONDON, Feb. 18 .- A despatch from Moscov to the Standard says that in the event of certain contingencies in the East. Russia will be actively supported by Germany and Austria.

It has already been arranged, the despatch adds, for German troops to go south through Russian territory to cooperate with the forces mobilized in the Kief district.

The German contingent would consist of two regiments of infantry. The provisional date for the taking of decisive measures was fixed for Feb. 20, but the execution of the measures now depends upon the settlement that is made of the Cretan question.

PIREUS WON'T BE BLOCKADED. The Opposition of England and Italy Will

Befeat Germany's Propes LONDON, Feb. 18,-All the reports received here concur in the opinion that the proposa made by Germany that the great powers block Piracus will not be adopted owing to the oppo sition of Great Britain and Italy.

The Chronicle has a despatch from its corre spondent, Mr. Henry Norman, who is now in Athens. He says that after the powers in April last compelled the Sultan to grant reforms in Crete the Sultan ordered that the Cretan Diet should not be permitted to meet. During the coronation festival in Russia King George telegraphed to his son, Prince George, who was representing him at the coro nation, saking him to beg the Czar: "For God's sake make the Sultan permit the meeting of

The Czar telegraphed to Constantinople rewhereupon the Sultan compiled, but the Cretan

fices made by the King and Government in behalf of the Cretans for the purpose of showing that they were driven to act to avert disaster.

He says that Greece refuses to be coerced. Col. Vassos has been ordered not to retire unless the powers are on him, when he must retire inland without replying to the fire.

He adds that several thousand armed volunteer are ready to enter Macedonia as soon as the The Chronicle telegraphed to Mr. Gladston o.

who is now in the south of France, asking him his opinion of the proposal that the powers should block the Pirmus. In reply Mr. Glad-

half of Turkey, which has become an outlaw."

King George has telegraphed to the Cretan in London, thanking it for the support it has given him. In his despatch the King says:

graphs that the insurgents have intimated to the Consuls their intention to attack Halepa immediately. The Times's despatches appear to place the report of a massacre at Barakimos be-

sixty-one children. No mention is made of the killings in adjacent villages which are alleged to have taken place.

TURES BESIEGED BY CRETANS,

is garrisoned by 500 Turkish troops, has been besieged for several days by a large force o mander of the besieging force called upon the Turkish commander to surrender, and promised safe conduct to any of the garrison who chose

It is said that the garrison has provisions enough

ammunition. It is reported that Greek troops started to-day ture of the place.

ing a local administration in the name of the King of the Helienes. He is making preparation for the holding of municipal elections, and be will install Mayors in all the towns and villages that are not occupied by the forces of the for eign powers.

It is said that Prince Nicholas, the third son of King George, will not go with the troops to the Thessalian frontier, as it was said yester day he would, but that he will join the forces in

All the Greek consulates in the island have owered their flags, it being considered by the Consuls that, as Crete is now Greek territory their duties have ended. It is said here to-night that the Greek was

ship Hydra, which was conveying provision to the Greek camp, was stopped by British and Italian torpedo boats.

LONDON, Feb. 18.-The Athens correspondent of the Standard telegraphs that the Greek Cab inet held a meeting to-day, and after a full disquestion of the Cretan question decided to persist

ARE THEY MURDERING MOSLEMS

VIENNA, Feb. 18.-The Neue Freie Presse says that 2,000 Moslems have been massacred a Sitia, a town in the eastern extremity of Crete Of all the Mohammedan residents of the place only twenty-eight escaped. The paper adds that the Greek forces are surrounding eight Moslem villages on the island.

The foregoing is officially announced in Cor stantinople, where the intelligence has created much excitement.

ATHENS, Feb. 18.-It was rumored here to night that Greek troops had occupied the town the rumor could be obtained.

CANEA, Feb. 18.-Many refugees are arriving here from all parts of the island. Most of them are Moslems, who have fled from their homes, fearing the vengeance of the Cretar Christians or their allies, the Greek soldiery They all have stories to tell of the dangers from which they have escaped, and declare hat the life of no Moslem is safe without the

A large number of Mussulmans arrived today on board a Turkish transport. They affirm that the Christians have killed a hundred Mos ems at Serakimos and a hundred more in the villages adjacent to that place.

The commanders of the British, French, and Russian squadrons have left Canea in their The British commander goes to flagships. Sitia, the French commander to Heraklion, and the Russian commander to Retimo.

Greece Will Not Permit It - Trouble Threatens on Greece's North Border.

ATHENS, Feb. 18 .- It is asserted here that Turkish force embarked at Constantinople to-day and sailed for Crete. They will not be per-

tills to prevent the debarkation of Turkish renforcements on the island.

It is said that the commanders of the foreign equadrons in Cretan waters have induced Col. asses not to bombard the town of Halepa, which he was preparing to do, they promising that a solution of the whole question to Greece would be soon arrived at by the

powers. The situation on the frontier of Greece is very threatening, and it would not be surprising to hear of actual hostilities there at any time. All the avallable Turkish troops are being concentrated on the frontier, whither have been de anatched strong Greek forces. In the present emper of the troops a very slight incident might bring about a serious collision. The advices received here show that the situation is daily becoming more critical.

Soria, Feb. 18 .- M. de Tcharykow, the Russian diplomatic agent, has informed the Govern ment that the Czar desires that the Bulgarians should not help the agitation in Macedonia against the Turks, and that the Bulgarian authorities should not allow bands to cross from their country into Macedonia to aid the malcon tents there.

HARCOURT ON CRETE'S SIDE.

He Hopes British Forces Won't Be Used to Prevent Her Liberation. LONDON, Feb. 18.-Sir William Vernon Harcourt, the leader of the Liberal party, has sent

a telegram to the Liverpool Reform Club, in which he says: "I earnestly trust that the Government will not employ the forces of the Crown to prevent the liberation of Crete. Such a proceeding would be universally condemned by the Britis

The Earl of Kimberley, who was Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs in Lord Rosebery's Cabinet, sent a despatch of a similar tenor to

HIGHWATMEN IN CHATHAM SQUARE Police Get Two Queer Prisoners-A Squi

House Specialist at the Bridge. Two highwaymen, who are thought to be crazy, were captured on the Bowery last evening by the police, after two men had been up at the same spot within a half hour. The highwaymen first appeared when Tem Shells of the canal boat Mary Ann jumped off a Third av enue surface car opposite 1 Bowery, and walked to the sidewalk. Skipper Shells had been cele brating, and as soon as he reached the curb he was surrounded by two men and two women. The men held him, and the women, who were

"Big Bees" and "Little Mame," went through his pockets. They got a gold watch, \$50 in money, and some papers before three policemen, who were attracted by the canaller's yells.

arrived. The men and women ran into Division street and escaped, so the police arrested their victim for drunkenness.

Twenty minutes later the same three policemen saw two men robbing a Hebrew peddler at the same place. Policeman Burns grabbed one, Ed Higgins of 25 Bowerr.

Policeman Zuer chased the other around Chatham square three limes and caught him.

Chatham square three times and caught him. The thief drew a navy revolver, but was over-mastered. Both prisoners were taken to the Eidridge street station.

Higgins made little trouble, but his companion refused to give his name, and when locked in a sell tors the plank bed from the wail and tried to batter down the door. He stamped the tin drinking cup in the cell out fat, and threatened to cut the throat of any one who came into the cell.

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Eight policemen got him into a stratifacket. He was sent to Gouverneur Hospital. While ne was being secured Higgins began to act strangely in his cell, and the police decided that both men were crasy.

For retueing money to a beggar last night in front of the Brooklyn Bridge entrance on Park row. Frederick Linsman of 77 Myrtle avenue. Brooklyn, was roughly handled, and but for the timely arrival of Policeman Hollman of the Oak street station, Mr. Linsman might have been badly injured.

It was nearly 9 o'clock when Mr. Linsman, who was on his way home, was appealed to by a half-drunken, rough-locking fellow, who asked him for ten centa, stepping directly in front of him as he demanded it. Mr. Linsman refused, and the beggar, with an oath, grabbed him by the neck and tors off his collar. The scuffle that ensued was ended by the policeman. At the station house the footpad said he was James Cosgrove, 38 years old, of 516 Carleton avenue, Brooklyn. He was locked up.

CLOAKMAKERS PANIC-STRICKEN. A Little Fire in Greene Street Alarms Two Shope Full of Workers.

Eighteen men and two women, employees of Lavy & Mayer, manufacturers of wrappers and tea gowns at 128 Greene street, who were at work on the sixth floor of the building last night, were panic-stricken at about 7:30 o'clock by the discovery of a fire in the building be neath them. A rush for the stairs ensued, but a cloud of smoke drove the people back. Thereupon two women, Mrs. Mary Spans and Mrs. Mary Minior of 13 Third avenue, got bysterical

and rushed for the rear fire escape. Max Hirschfeld and other men followed them, clambering out upon the balcony. The women, seeing the glare of fire in the windows below, began to shrick and attempted to throv themselves over the railings. The men re strained them, and, with considerable diffi-culty, dragged them back through the win-dows. The place was then heavily charged with smoke.

One of the men, ascending a ladder, was try-ing to open the scuttle to the roof, but, in bis excitement, was pushing the bolt the wrong way. Hirschfeld dragged him down and opened

way. Hirschfeld dragged him down and opened the souttle himself.

The women, half dead from fright and choking from the smoke, were assisted up the ladder and across to the roof of 130.

People working in a Mercer street building, seeing the fire, shouted from the windows. Their cries alarmed the employees in Feter Samuels's cloak factory, who were at work on the fourth floor at 130 Greene street. There were fitten men and one woman there, and all of them ran pell-mell down stairs to the street. One man stumbled and wrenched his leg.

An automatic alarm brought the firemen, who found that the fire had a gnearently originated at the rear of the hall on the fourth floor. It ascended to the hallway above and ate a little way into the lofts on both floors, but was extinguished before it had done more than about \$1,000 damage.

MR. HOBART'S TROLLEY PARTY.

With Friends He Will Celebrate a Jersey Surface Rallroad Connection FRANKLIN, N. J., Feb. 18, -Arrangements are pelng made by the Newark and Passale Electric Railway Company for the celebration of the completion of the link that will connect its road with that of the Consolidated Traction Com pany in Belleville. It is expected that the long deferred connection will be completed on March

To celebrate the event Vice-President-elec 1. To celebrate the event vice-Fresident-elect Hobart will board a trolley car at the City Hall in Paterson on March 2, and will make the trip through Clifton, Passalc, Delawanna, Nutley, Franklin, Essex, Belleville, and Woodside to the Pennsylvania Hailroad station at Market street, Newark. Mr. Hobart will be accompanied by a large number of friends, and it is said that ten cars will follow his car. Elaborate atrangements are being made along the line to greet Mr. Hobart as he passes. The Republicans of Franklin will give him an ovation when he reaches the Franklin avenue Park.

ABUSING W. W. ASTOR.

Burns Talks of the Ungentlemanly Conductor of a New Millionaire, LONDON, Feb. 18 .- Quite a scene was created n the House of Commons to-day by Mr. John

Burns. The occasion was the debate of a proposal to erect a new hall for the use of the London County Council. Mr. Burns, himself a member of the County Council, made an attack upon the Pall Mail Gazette, which is owned by Mr. William Waldorf Astor, because of its op-

Mr. William Waldorf Astor, because of its opposition to the proposal. The opposition of the
paper to the erection of a new "wilding on the
site of the present one, he said, was purely in the
interest of Mr. Astor, whose house adjoined the
Council building.

In concluding his remarks Mr. Burns said he
could stand a decent Duke or a militant Marquis, but he couldn't endure the miserable and
ungentlemanity conduct of a new millionaire.

After further discussion the proposal to drect
a new County Council hall was rejected by a
rotated 327 to 146.

DOLLAR GAS BY A TRICK?

CANTOR'S HASTE TO HAVE THE BILL REPORTED FOR PASSAGE.

The Hearing Closed Beenuse, Through Minunderstanding, the Representatives of the Gas Companies Palled to Appear Before the Committee Yesterday.

ALBANY, Feb. 18,-The members of the Sen-

ste Committee on Miscellaneous Corporations are muttering threats to-night to report for passage the Cantor-Laimbeer Dollar Gas bill or some similar measure without having heard the arguments to be submitted against the bill by epresentatives of the gas companies, and Senator Cantor urged them to-day to take this action. This state of mind on the part of the Senators is due to the fact that through a misunderstanding none of these representative was present at the hearing set down for to-day. Two weeks ago the committee listened long-winded arguments tending to convict the gas companies of the offence of making money. F. R. Coudert, Henry E. Howland, and other distinguished counsel for the gas companies made the trip to Albany, expecting to be heard at that time. F. B. Thurber was also here to oppose the bill on the ground that there was no popular demand for it, as there was for the reduction from \$1.75 to \$1.25 made a few years ago, largely through his efforts. All of these gentlemen sat in the Sen-ate chamber and listened till after 0 o'clock to the disquisitions and statistics of two rival "experts" hired by the senior and junior exponents of new journalism. Then the committee adjourned and told the representatives of the interests attacked to come back in two weeks. They accepted the situation cheerfully, and would have been here to-day but for an in ression, in which they all seem to have shared that the hearing was to have been postpor

About an hour before the time set for the hearing Chairman Brown received telegrams from F. R. Coudert, representing the Equitable Gae Company; W. R. Bronk, representing the Mutual Gas Company, and Judge howland, representing the Consolidated Gas Company, saying that they had just learned that the hearing was to so on to-day contrary to their previous information. They asked for an opportunity to be heard next Thursday.

When Chairman Brown called the committee to order he had the telegrams read, and said he could not understand how the gentlemen had got the impression that the hearing was to be postponed. They had not received their information from any member of the committee. Senator Cantor wanted to take advantage of the committee's resentment to have a favorable

report on his bill ordered forthwith. "These gentlemen are trifling with a legislative committee," he declared, "It was clearly understood that the adjournment was to be for two weeks. At the last hearing figures were presented to show that the gas companies could reduce prices and still make profits. No one appears here to controvert these figures, and the only interence is that there is nothing to be said on the other side. The case is allowed to go by default. The committee should report the bill forthwith and uphold the dignity of the Legislature. We have seen a total defiance of a legislative committee in New York this week, and it is time that this sort of thing was stopped." presented to show that the gas companies could

stopped."
Senators Brown and Malby were disposed to agree with Senator Canter, but they were not ready to settle things in quite such summary fashion. Chairman Brown said they would hear those who were present to speak on the bill, and would then determine their course in

bill, and would then determine their course in executive session.

George Smith of the Taxpayers' Alliance of the North Side spoke in favor of Senator Guy's amendment, which proposed to extend the dollar rate to the old and new annexed districts. This territory is sparsely settled, and the price of gas is fixed by law at \$1.60. It was not included in the original bill.

Mr. Smith was followed by W. W. Scruden, President of the Yonkers Gas Light Company, which sells gas in Kingsbridge, a part of the annexed district. He showed that even if a dollar was a fair rate for the principal part of the city, it should not be applied to a district where censumers were so far apart and so much piping was necessary. A fair price would be \$1.40, His company had reduced the price voluntarily to \$1.35.

Before the committee went into executive session Senator Cautor made another speech. He said he hoped the committee would consider

He said he hoped the committee would consider the hearing closed and refuse to give the gas companies a chance to be heard. If it should decide otherwise, he hoped it would close down finally not later than next Thursday, and make

its report.

In executive session the committee adopted a resolution instructing the Chairman to communicate with the persons who had sent the telegrams, and to tell them that the hearing was clored, inasmuch as no satisfactory excuse for their non-appearance was before the committee; that the hearing would not be reopened except upon excuse deemed sufficient by the committee, and that in no case would it be excepted. committee, and that in no case would it be ex-tended beyond next Thursday.

TO DEAL IN CORNSTALK PRODUCTS. 850,000,000 Company Incorporated to

TRENTON, Feb. 18.-The Marsden Company, the object of which is to manufacture, sell, and deal in all products made from cornstalks, in accordance with the discoveries and patents secured by Mark W. Marsden, was incorporated here to-day with a capital of \$50,000,000. The incorporators are Richard C. Ellis, John McCormick, Peter H. Evans, and James A. Clark, all of Philadeiphia, and John R. Williams of Merchantville, N. J. One of the provisions of the articles of incorporation is that no stockholder shall have the right to examine the books, vouchers, &c. of the company, except by resolution of the Board of Directors.

Of the capital stock, \$10,000 has been paid in. and that amount was paid to the State as an in-

corporation fee. When the papers were filed the report was started that the company was a new whiskey "trust," and later that it was a sugar "trust; but the papers show that it is to manufacture and deal in all the products of cornstalks under recent discoveries and inventions of Mr. Mara-den and others. These inventions, it is said, permit of the use of the pith of cornstalks for the manufacture of car wheels, basins, barrels and other, vessels now made of iron, wood or paper, and also of board and other building ma-terials.

Another use made of the pith is for cellulose filling between the inside and cutside armor of war vessels. The corn-pith cellulose used in the construction of warships has been found superior to the cellulose made in France, and a maper setting forth its advantages and detailing some of the results of experiments that have been carried on by the United States saval constructors, was read at the last annual meeting of the Society of Naval Architects and Marine Engineers in this city. Corn-pith cellulose is an American invention and product.

BUNCE'S CRITICISMS OF HIS SHIPS

The Bureau of Construction Will Report Adversely on the Changes He Suggests. WASHINGTON, Feb. 18 .- Certain officials of the Navy Department have been attempting today to deny the statement made in a Washing ton despatch to THE SUN this morning that Admiral Bunce has forwarded to the department reports criticising certain features of some of the ships of the blockade squadron, and rec ommending that various changes be made. The facts are precisely as stated in THE SUN's despatch, and the reports are now lying on the desk of one of the bureau chiefs of the department. The Construction Bureau will sharply antagonize all the criticisms of Admiral Bunce, and will report adversely upon the changes which he has recommended.

A high official of the Navy Department, speaking to-day of the subject of Admiral Hunce's report, called attention to the fact that when the Admiral commanded the Atlanta he reported her to be unessworthy, and recommended changes, which, however, were never made, and the Atlanta has since proved herself to be one of the finest ships in the service. At the time Admiral Bunce made this report Admiral Ramsay, then a Captain, was in command of the Boaton, a sister ship of the Atlanta, and he officially reported her as faulties in every respect. The department officials call attention to these facts in order to show the processes of Admiral Bunce to making unwarranted criticisms. antagonize all the criticisms of Admiral Bunce

UNANIMOUS CHARTER REPORT

After two days of discussion the Greater New York Commissioners agreed yesterday on the report which they will make to the Legislature accompany the draft of the charter for the new city. The report was signed. It will be bound with the charter draft and will be taken to Albany late this afternoon by a committee omposed of Chairman Tracy, ex-Mayor Gilroy,

there will be no minority report of any sort-not even the memorandum of Commissioner Low. prepared to explain his attitude toward certain

provisions of the draft. It was not an easy matter to come to an understanding about the language of the report, and an agreement was reached only when it was decided not to make the document too argumentative in discussing certain provisions over which there had been a difference of opinion when they were adopted. If too much were said in praise of such provisions their opponents indicated an intention to file memoranda in opposition. This meant that the special advocate of the measures would also file separate memoranda upholding the majority action. All this all the Commissioners agreed that such a result

The commission agreed yesterday to recom mend a third proposed amendment to the Constitution which will eliminate county debts in the determination of the debt-creating power of the new city. Should this be adopted, the con stitutional debt limit of the greater city will be extended by about \$17,500,000, for the presen debt of Kings county, \$15,900,000, and that of Richmond county, \$1,600,000, will not cut into the city's debt limit.

were passed to Mayor Strong for the use of his Mce; to Chairman Tracy, to the Mayors and all of the heads of office in the three cities for their assistance, and to the Committee on Draft,

The new charter is a book of 743 pages. The upplemental bills which accompany it fill fiftyfour more printed pages, and the report forty

BLOWING UP AN RAST RIVER ROCK. A Dangerous Obstruction Near Newtow

The task of removing the big rock in mid stream of the East River, opposite the mouth of Newtown Creek, which has been the cause of many accidents within the past dozen years. was begun on Wednesday night, two Government boats, the Gen. John E. Newton and the Hell Gate being assigned to the work. The rock is only fourteen feet below low water mark Several years ago it was determined to mask the dangerous spot by means of a pole, but the craft which feared no danger in passing the point that it was next to impossible to keep a mark displayed longer than a week. At times the signals were destroyed during the night by floats putting in at the Long Island Railroad docks, unknown to the crews. The work of re-moving the obstruction is being done by mean of dynamite, and is carried on only during the

of dynamite, and is carried on only during the night.

The blasts gave such a shock to portions of Long Island City early yesterday that in the Hunters' Point section, along the river front. those who felt them were confident that an earthquake had paid a visit to Mayor Glesson's domain. There was no damage other than to the nervous systems of some of those who were frightened by the disturbance. Edward M. Tyrreil, President of the Woosside Water Company, in his office, at 112 Front street, felt the shock, and, supposing that the steam-heating machinery had exploded, hurried downstairs.

As he emerged from the doorway he saw Hugh MoAlarney and John Kelly, two employees of the water company, running across the attect toward the Queens County Bank. Mr. Tyrreil followed, supposing that something had happened to the financial institution, but was happily disappointed.

All the excitement subsided when it was learned that a biast out in the river had caused the shock. The holes that had been drilled in the Charlotte reef, as the rock is called, were

the Charlotte reef, as the rock is called, were charged yesterday morning and exploded. The

explosion was a big success

A MONSTER FOR BROOKLYN!

A movement has been started in Brooklyn looking to the ultimate consolidation of all the surface trolley railroads and the two cievated roads in that city. For more than a year the scheme has been in contemplation, and on Wednesday there was a formal conference of representatives of the various interests involved. No definite conclusion was reached, but a strong sentiment was developed in favor of the proposed union. It was shown that such a combination would result in a large saving in the running expenses of the roads, and that with the introduction of electricity on the elevated roads the trains could be operated by the sur

roads the trains could be operated by the surface roads without the expenditure of much more power than is now used. One of the officials estimated that the saving would reach nearly \$1,000,000 a year.

One plan proposed was that a new company should be organized and that it should lease all the lines, and another that one of the strongest existing companies should be the lessee. The main difficulty to be surmounted will be the division of the earnings. It is said that the proposed plans for rapid transit on the bridge will stimulate the consolidation movement.

Both of the Brooklys elevated roads have suffered greatly through the troiley competition, and they are heavily in arrears in the payment of their taxes to the city. They are therefore particularly interested in the scheme. It is probable that within a few weeks a committee representing all the companies will be chosen to consider the matter.

COLEMAN DIES IN THE RING.

Enocked Down and in the Pail His Neel Is Said to Have Been Brokes.

both colored, put on four-ounce gloves for a ter round bout. In the early part of the first round Rogers struck Coleman in the face, and the latter fell, his head striking heavily on the boards. He isy motioniess, and after ten seconds Rogers was nectared the winner.

Efforts were then made to revive Coleman, when it was discovered that he was dead. Spectators say he broke his neck in the fall. Rogers escaped, but Referee Simcos was arrested. After Coleman's body was carried out the principal event of the evening came off, a ten-round contest between Al Roberts, white, and Jim Johnston, colored, known as the "Artist." Roberts was so frightfully punished that the police stopped the fight in the fourth round. A large crowd was present.

Coleman's body is still at the club house. He was 23 years old and lived in this city. round bout. In the early part of the first round

A Populist Loose in Michigan.

LANSING, Mich., Feb. 18. Representative E W. Moore of Battle Creek gave notice to-day in the House of Representatives of a bill to repeal the House of Representatives of a bill to repeal the special charter of the Michigan Central Railroad. It provides that any claim for damages which the company may have against the State because of the repeal shall be presented to the Hourd of Auditors for adjustment. A two-thirds vote of the members elected will be necessary to pass the bill, but Mr. Moore has no doubt of its success. The Michigan Central company claims that its charter is perpetual, and the bill is designed to contest that claim.

PERRY, Oklahoma, Feb. 18.-Yesterday nember of the Oklahoma Legislature introduced a bill, which is the same as the Subduced a bill, which is the same as the Sub-Treasury bill advocated by the Farmers' Al-lience, and it is said that the bill will base both houses and go to the Governor for his signature. This bill would earablish a State warehouse at the capital of the Territory, and farmers might borrow money on all their wheat, corn, cotton, and other products when deposited in this warehouse. The Governor, it is said, will veto the bill.

In a letter to Sheriff Tamsen, John Hunter of Brilliant, O., writes:

THE LONDON TRAIN MURDER. Public Protests Against the Compartmen System Are Numeros

LONDON, Feb. 18.-The railway carriage murder in a London suburban train continues to be the chief topic of local interest. The young woman whose body was found crowded under the seat in a second-class compartment was buried to-day, and there was a great public demonstration.

The police are now making some progress apparently, toward a solution of the mystery They have been able to ascertain by the process of elimination that the murder was committee between Putney and Wandsworth stations. where the running time of the train was only four minutes. They arrested to-day Thomas Stone, a rejected lover of Miss Camp. the victim, on the charge of murder. Stone wa traced to Hounslow, where the girl took the train on the evening of the tragedy. The police learned that Stone had ascertained only that day that Miss Camp was going to marry his rival, and he had threatened to prevent the marriage. Late to-night, however, the news comes that Stone has been able to establish an

alibi and the police have released him. Some of the effects of the tragedy upon the London public are amusing. A gentleman

BRIGHAM YOUNG IN THE CAPITOL!

ment's Collection at Washington, WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.-It seems probable that within the near future a statue of Brigham Young, the man who led the Mormons across the plains to Utah, and who for years was Chief of the Mormon Church in Salt Lake City, will be placed in Statuary Hall, at the Capitol. According to law, each State in the Union is entitled to place the statue of two of its distinguished dead in Statuary Hall. Utah, being a new State, has not yet availed herself of this priviege. Senator Cannon of that State recently wrote to the Governor and to the State Legisla ture, reminding them of the law, and word now comes from Utah that a suggestion has been nade to commemorate the memory of Brigham Young, and that the State Legislature is likely

SALT LAKE, Utab. Feb. 18. Communication were read in the House yesterday from Senator Legislature to take advantage of the law grantng the privilege of every State in the Un honor. It was suggested that the Legislature position a statue of Brigham Young.

FRANCE AND BRAZIL ARBITRATE.

Another South American Boundary Die pute to Be Settled Peacefully. PARIS, Feb. 18.-France and Brazil have col referring their dispute regardng territorial boundaries to arbitration, the President of the Swiss Confederation to be the

The dispute between France and Brazil relates to the ownership of the country adjoining French Guiana on the south, in the basin of the Cunant River. The dispute is of old standing. but it did not reach an acute phase until it was liscovered that there was gold along the upper

CALVE'S CRANK A LAWYER.

New Haven, Feb. 18. John B. Ward, who ner notes and telegrams and by hanging about the stage door, and who is said to have threat ened in New York last night to kill her, is well known in this city. He is a lawyer and formerly clerk in the City Court here. Ward became infatuated with the prima donna while she was filling an engagement in this city several weeks ago. During this performance he sat in a front seat and threw American Beauty roses over the footights. He has always been regarded as eccentric.

THE BOERS WANT \$8,000,000. Five Millions, Mr. Chamberlain Says, for Moral and Intellectual Dama

LONDON, Feb. 18.-Mr. Joseph Chamberlain in the House of Commons to-day, speaking of the claim made by the South African repub for indemnity for damage sustained by the raid of Dr. Jameson and his followers into the Trans-vaal, said that the Boer Government claimed for material damage £677,938, and for moral and intellectual damage £1.000,000. This re-mark provoked great laughter.

There was a rumor in Wall street yesterday that the Carnegie Steel Company had just sold 50,000 tons of steel rails for export to London One of the largest English railways was said to have made the purchase. Other sales of 50,000 tons were reported to have been arranged for, making a total of 100,000 tons to be exported in the near future. It was said at the office of the Carnegie Company, in Wall street, yesterday that the report probably came from the Pittsburgh works, and that no one here was in a position to say that the deal had been made.

900,000 Tons of Steel Batls Notd. PITTSBURGH, Feb. 18.- The American Manu

Boston Bank Teller a Defaulter. BOSTON, Feb. 18.-Erving F. Chapin, receiving teller of the Fourth National Bank, is short in his accounts. The exact amount is not known outside of the bank. Chapin's friends promise to make good the shortage, and there will prob-ably be no prosecution. Chapin told the officers of the bank that his

Hubeas Corons for Insigi.

A \$2,000,000 Fallure in Yucatan. CITY OF MEXICO, Feb. 18. - The failure of the

export house of M. Donde & Co. of Merida, circles throughout Mexico, and it is said that the effect of the failure will be felt in New York and other export centres. The indebtedness of the company is over \$2,000,000 and the assets are \$1,300,000. Vucatan, has caused a great stir in commercia

sentenced to jail to-day on seventeen counts aggregating two years. He was arrested for begging, and when searched had on his person liamonds, rubles, pearls, meerschaum pipes two gold watches and \$129 in money.

MADETHE MONSTER CHUCKLE AND THE CONSUMER PAY.

Any forant Can Stop a Watch-When You Put a Stick in the Cogs of Trade Things Happen-Sagar Monster Produces All the Papers Asked for Rubber Monster Almost Convinces the Committee That Good Will Is Valuable-Gives 'Em Some Points on Business Methods-Wall Paper Monster Has Cheapened Manufacture, Lowered Prices, and Increased Wage Payments-Some Other Fellows, It Ap-

It was truly a hard day for Lexow's mouster nunters yesterday. They had hardly recovered from their experiences of the day before when they tackled the rubber monster and figuratively were left strewn around, panting or unconscious, on the floor of the Aldermen's Chamber. It was on the bills to tackle this rubber monster again, and they were in no condition to do it. They did it, though, and they were done." When they finally let it go with a sigh of relief they turned once more to the sugar monster and got some half dozen to a lozen poses in the ribs from him, and when they finally turned away and tackled the wall

the Diet or we will have a revolution."

questing the Sultan to permit the Diet to meet, Mussulmans were informed that if the Diet did Then began the Mussulman outrages in Crete Mr. Norman details the money and other sacri-

He is, however, to resist the Turkish troops.

stone telegraphs: "
"I detest the whole idea of using force in be-

"I am doing my best to protect the Greek population, who have been suffering and fighting since 1821 to obtain their liberty and union with Greece." The correspondent of the Times at Canea tele

yond a doubt.

The victims included twenty women and

It Is Said Greek Troops Will Help the In-CANEA, Feb. 18 .- The fort at Voucoulis, which

to accept it. The Turks refused to surrender on any terms to last for twenty days and a plentiful supply of

for Voucoulis to aid the insurgents in the cap ATHENS, Feb. 18.—Col. Vassos is already form

in the policy regarding the island that it had

Report That the Christians Have Killed 2,000 Mohammedans in East Crete.

Sitia, but up to a late hour no confirmation o

limits of the cities.

NO TURKISH TROOPS MAY LAND.

mitted to land, for Greece is firmly determined to enforce her decree, ordering the torpede fic-

And a Proposed Extension of the Debt

Limit of the Greater City.

and Secretary Pinney.

The report was unanimously adopted and

portended a collection of individual reports, and

Before adjourning yesterday votes of thanks

for "their untiring efforts."

Creek Being Removed at Night.

A Railroad Trust Under Way for the Say

CINCINNATI, Feb. 18.—Ben Coleman was killed in a prize fight at the Manhattan Athletic Club facturer to-morrow will say concerning the outhere to-night. Coleman and William Rogers, look in the iron and steel trade;

Another Bright Populist Idea.

Catch 'Em, John, and Keep 'Em; We Can't "I seat myself down to sak you if you could give me permeshone to catch a lot of counter-feiters. I would like to be a detective."

LEXOW HAS PUT UP SUGAR

Special Cable Despatch to The Sun.

noticed on a suburban train to-day two adjoin ng compartments, in one of which eleven women were closely crowded, and in the next an inoffensive-looking lad sat alone. Protests in the newspapers against the compartment system are becoming panicky even to frenzy.

The Statue Utah May Add to the Govern

o act upon the suggestion. "Brigham Young was one of our most illus-trious men," said Senator Cannon to-day, "and I think it the part of wisdom that his marble likeness be placed in Statuary Hall of the Capiol of the nation."

Frank J. Cannon and Gov. Wells, asking the place in the Hall of Statuary at Washington the statues of two of their dead whom they wish to take advantage of this privilege and place in

Cunani.

Threw Roses Over the Footlights at Her

Big Sales of Rails for Evport !

"The steel rail situation remains the most in-teresting part of the iron and steel market. During the past week a large tonnage of steel rails has been sold, some putting the estimate as high as 800,000 tons.

fall was due to stock speculation. President A. W. Newell of the bank said to-night that the shortage was considerably under \$10,000.

Judge Brown of the United States Distric Court issued yesterday a writ of habeas corpus, returnable to-day at 2 o'clock, in the case of the Turkish Consul, Joseph A. Iasigi, who is accused of embezziement in connection with his trusteeship of certain estates. The writ was served upon the Warden of the Tombs, where Consul lasigi is confined awaiting extradition to Boston.

A Beggar Who Had Jewelry and Money. NEW HAVEN, Conn., Feb. 18.-George S. Clarke, alias Young, of Chillicothe, O., was

Fifth Avenue Opera Company Incorporated. TRENTON, Feb. 18.—The Fifth Avenue Opera Company of New York filed articles of incor-poration here to-day. Its capital stock is \$25,-udo, of which \$5,000 is paid in.

pears, Are the Wall Paper Trust.

paper monster they were truly undone. It was developed during the day's examination that the investigation itself has operated o increase the price of augar to the consumer one-eighth of a cent a pound. It was developed that in the wall paper business the combination of capital, amounting to some \$27,000.000, more than half of which was issued for the "goodwill" of the concerns that combined, has increased the number of laborers it employed, has not reduced their wages, has given them eleven months' employment in the year instead of seven, and, in spite of an increase of the price of raw material, has reduced the finished prodect to the consumer more than 25 per cent. Is developed also that, instead of combining to control the price of wall paper, this wall paper monster had to buck against an unincorporated combine of independent manufacturers who did seek by factors' agreement to control the price of the product. This monster was such a ood monster that after he had been chased an hour or so, the committee adjourned, and the question was asked whether they had not got

old of the wrong monster in this case. The most striking thing that developed was the inability of the hunters to understand that good-will" had any value. They had it in mind that good-will meant water, and then insisted that when a corporation issued stock to pay for good-will, the stock of that corporation was watered.

SUGAR MONSTER PRODUCES THE PAPERS CALLED

ron.

The American Sugar Refining Company disappointed the new journalism by producing for the committee all of the extracts from its books that the committee had asked for. The new journals all stated with great positiveness with black type or italies in the morning that the Sugar Refining Company had determined to defy the State of New York and the committee by refusing to produce anything. These statements were of course unfounded. The only excuse for them was that the directors of the Sugar Refining Company had preferred to an-

nounce to the committee rather than to the re-

porters what they had determined to do. Mr. Henry O. Havemeyer was attending a

funeral in the morning, and Mr. Parsons appeared to represent him. He got there long before the train from Nyack arrived. So did the rubber monster, in the person of Charles R. Flint. So, also, did the wall-paper monster, which had been lurking around under subporns for three or four days, but had never had a chance to show anybody what it was. The train from Nyack was seventeen minutes late. The

coss hunter mounted the throne, and said:

" Perceiving that a quorum of the committee is present, we will now proceed. Is Mr. H. O. Havemeyer in the room?" Mr. Parsons stepped forward and said: The directors of the American Sugar Refinng Company at their meeting yesterday afternoon considered the request of this committee for certain papers and extracts from the books of the company, and formally resolved that I should be authorized and instructed to furnish to the committee all the things that were requested, namely, a statement of the taxes paid to the State of New York, certain labor statistics, and certified copies of the minutes of the Board of Directors containing the agreements that led up to and were a part of the transaction acquiring the various Philadelphia properties. I have here in my hand all of the extracts and statistics, with the exception of the labor statistics. There require a large amount of work to furnish, and the American Sugar Re-

fining Company's employees are now compiling them. They will be ready to present to you tomorrow morning." All the hunters grinned at this statement. Two or three of them rubbed their hands. They all had that "you'll-bet-they'll-mind-us" look on their faces, and they all watched eagerly for he transfers of the documents from Mr. Par-ions to the boss hunter.

RUBBER MONSTER BRINGS SOME FIGURES.

The boss hunter laid them aside and asged "Is Mr. Fint in court?"
The rubber monster jumped up and hastened to the witness chair. He eyed the hunters and the hunters eyed him. Then it was very evident that there was trouble brewing right at the start.

"You were requested yesterday," said the
boss hunter, "to produce certain documents
relating to the affairs of your company. Have
you arrived at any conclusion regarding the
request." The rubber mouster smiled, and replied: "I have sent for a copy of the Simmons report and expect it to be here at any moment. Of course it is impossible for me to get the original copy, but this will be certified if necessary. You ask

me relative to the rate of wages paid by the United States Rubber Company and the rate paid by the competitive plants. I have those data, and I will now read them if the committee data, and I will now read them if the committee so desires."

Q.—Covering what period, Mr. Flint, covering what period? A.—Covering the past year, but if you wish I will testify that there has been no substantial difference recently.

Q.—Have you gut a comparison of the figures with figures of the wages paid by the companies in your company whos they were independent?

A.—I have not. I can state to you from a gentleman who is familiar with the matter that we have not reduced the wages, and there has been no reduction since the organization of our company.

company.

The boss hunter got the name of the gentleman who was generally familiar with things and the added statement that the information could be obtained from the superintendents of any of the factories belonging to the rubber any of the factories belonging to the rubber company. Mr. Fiint told the boss hunter that the figures he had were a comparison of the wages paid by the United States Rubber Company with the competing company at Sciauket, L. L. "But," said Chairman Lexow, "the Sciauket factory doesn't pay any wages at all, does it?" "I think it has up to within a few days," said Mr. Flint.

"I think it has up to within a few days," said Mr. Flint.

"Well," said Chairman Lexow, "let us lay these figures aside for awhile and let me ask you if you are prepared to answer the question that I asked you vesterday in reference to the New Jersey Rubber Company of New Brunswick, N.J. Did you refuse to let the New Jersey Rubber Company take a contract to make a large quantity of third-class goods that would have enabled that plant to be kent running and the workers in it to earn their living, and did you a little later run a small United States Rubber Company factory on these same third-quality goods at Setauket for the purpose of pressing the Setauket Rubber Company to the wall?"

"I have never heard of any such thing," re-

"I have never heard of any such thing," re-plied Mr. Flint. The boss hunter here picked up a clipping taken from the New York World of a date in October, 1866. It was a half column story from Setauket, alleging that the United States Rubber Company had sent agents down there to a factory in the town with instructions to destroy all the machinery in the factory; that they had broken into the place and destroyed \$50,000 worth of, machinery.

The hunters saked a very long series of questions about this alleged incident, of course continues about this alleged incident, of course con-FABLE PROM SETAUKET.